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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Working Groups on Vietnam

I have given considerable thought to your memorandum of June 24, proposing the formulation of a group on Vietnam, chaired by me and composed of yourself, Laird, Wheeler and Kissinger. I welcome the opportunity for periodic meetings of this group. However, given the demands on my time, I do not want to commit myself to another fixed meeting. Instead, I propose to convene such a group as the need arises in lieu of the full NSC and as part of the NSC process. I have instructed Henry Kissinger to staff it along these lines.

I would also like to have John Mitchell as a member of this group - The first meeting should be early next week -

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